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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

this 29 day of ____ March

Kris Anne Popovits

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of three (3) months (from January 3, 2004 to April 3, 2004) within which to respond to Office Action dated October 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any ECHNOLOGY CENTER AND STORY overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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